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# CHURCHES CLOSED WHILE INFLUENZA THREATENS IN D. C.

Commissioners Also Shut Up All Places of Amusement.

PLAYGROUNDS BARRED TO WASHINGTON'S YOUTH

Outdoor Liberty Loan Rallies, However, Are Scheduled to Be Held.

TODAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

Reports indicate malady is increasing. of all churches until further

All playgrounds in District

men ill and eighty cars un-manned; yet service is improved as result of staggered hours. Theater men indorse closing of their establishments in effort

of their establishments in enort to check disease. Citizens' associations arrang-ing liberty loan demonstrations urged to hold them in open. Calling off of private dances requested. Five deaths from influenza re-ported during morning.

rather than decreasing, the Commissioners today added to the drastic measures they previously had taken to check the spread of the disease in the Dis-

They called on the clergy to omit 'all church services until further notice and also closed all playgrounds.

This action, following the closing of meetings.

#### Hope for Beneficial Results. Federal and District authorities

were hopeful this afternoon that beneficial results will begin to appear

are halted, the health authorities agree that there is little danger in public outdoor assemblages, and citi-Attendance at the playgrounds so

surgeon general of the United States public health service and the health officer of the District of Columbia have advised the Commissioners of District of Columbia that indoor it ordered by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia that the clergy be requested to omit all church services until further action by the

## Would Call Off Dances.

Commissioner Brownlow today issued a personal appeal for the calling off of dances and other social activities that involve the congregating of everal persons in private homes or other indoor places.

Amusement Places Closed. A mandatory order was issued last

night by the District Commissioners closing every place of public amusement in Washington for an indefinite period. This includes the regular theaters, vaudeville houses and moving picture shows.

The order was the culmination of

an all-day conference of the Commissioners considering ways and means of preventing the further spread of the Spanish influenza. The order became effective last midnight and will he in force during such a period as the Commissioners deem expedient in the effort of the local municipal authorities to stamp out the contagion. Notice was served on the manage-ment of all the places of public amuse-nent by the police department early last night, and, without exception, at the close of last night's bills, every house closed its doors and will remain larred to the public. be in force during such a period as barred to the public."

While the enforcement of this order will be a hardship, financially, on all the places of amusement, the manage-ments, realizing the grave situation and the strenuous efforts of the authe further spread of the plague, are acquiescing in the endeavor of the District Commissioners and the federal health authorities to bring about normal health conditions as a para-mount necessity for the prosecution of the work of the tens of thousands of war workers engaged here, as well as a matter of public safety.

Predicts Halting of Spread.

mmissioner Louis Brownlow said morning, shortly after reaching this morning, shortly after reaching his office and looking over the situation, that, while it was grave, he believed, with the close co-operation of the District health department with the United States public health ser-ice and the enforcement of the re-strictions ordered and planned to the Commissioners, that the spread ufluenza would in large measure be

#### Sixteen Playgrounds Closed.

In a conference this morning between In a conference this morning between liealth Officer Fowler and Mrs. Susic foot Rhodes, superintendent of the playgrounds, an order was issued closing the sixteen municipal playgrounds located in all parts of the city. Since the close of the public schools, which automatically closed the seventy-two school playgrounds, the 60,000 children who patronize the school playgrounds have overcrowded the municipal playgrounds to

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# LOAN DRIVE SUNDAY OVER ENTIRE CITY

Plans Being Completed for Appeal by Canvassers to Every Householder.

TEAM CAPTAINS CHOSEN

#### DISPLAY YOUR LOAN FLAG.

Liberty loan subscribers will be provided with a button and an honor roll flag by the banks, and if every bond buyer will display the honor flag in his window or on his door Sunday the canvasser will be saved the time required to ring the bell and wait for an unnecessary interview. Much duplication of effort can be avoided in this way, the liberty loan committee points out.

Flags also can be oftained from the committee at 1418 H street northwest.

The work of subdividing the city

into 200 sections and the completion of many other details in connection with the great house-to-house canvass Sunday afternoon in behalf of the fourth liberty loan occupied the greater part of the time of the Discating influenza to be increasing trict liberty loan committee today. By means of this big intensive personal solicitation at the homes the committee expects to pull Washington through the campaign to a gratifying finish. This canvass was decided upon when all indoor meetings were called off because of the grave influenza epidemic threatening Washington. It was necessary to completely change its sales campaign, but most members of the local committee schools and theaters, makes Washing- are sanguine regarding the outcome ten almost drumtight against danger of of the big canvass next Sunday. It spread of the infection through indoor is expected by some that so great will be the response that the District's entire quota will be achieved on that

#### Preliminaries Discussed.

Preliminary plans for the canvasswithin the next day or two. But re- ing of the homes were discussed, and ports made to Health Officer Fowler team captains appointed at a large during the morning gave no cause for an optimistic outlook. Five deaths were reported during the morning.

While indoor meetings of all kinds are halted, the health authorities agree that there is little danger in public outdoor assemblages, and citism the "hut" in the "hut" in the "hut are separated as a large mass meeting, held last night in the be demonstrated with respect to Turkey.

Wisdom of that forbearance may yet wisdom of that forbearance may yet be demonstrated with respect to Turkey.

Ever since the United States declared a state of war with Austriapublic outdoor assemblages, and citizens' associations and other bodies
which have planned liberty loan railies are advised to hold them in the
open.

Attendance at the playgrounds so

There were no bands, no oratory—no effort was made to appeal
to the emotions. Those at the meeting were there for a patriotic purpose, and when the chairman asked

Attendance at the playgrounds so Attendance at the playgrounds so far overtaxed the capacities of these institutions yesterday that it was decided to be unwise to keep them in operation while the epidemic continues.

The Commissioners' appeal for closing the churches follows:

"Whereas the epidemic of influenza in the District of Columbia by its rapid spread threatens to impair the effectiveness of the machinery of the federal government, and whereas the surgeon general of the United States public health service and the health officer of the District of Columbia.

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See the mission of the idea. No public explantation was deemed wise, but upon one occasion Secretary Lansing him-self counseled the Senate foreign relations committee not to press the resolution. Now that the American policy has been justified it is possible to present some of the fundamental may add as many additional workers to his team as he may deem advisable.

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Following the selection of the 200 captain who will be composed of about twenty personally supervise the work of the teams, each of the resolution. Now that the resolution w

roon to discuss further plans and to receive his assignment. By that time the committee will have completed the work of subdividing the city into sections. It is the intention of the committee to assign not more than two city squares to any one can-vasser and in most cases the indi-vidual canvassing will be confined to not more than one square.

## Reserve Force Mobilized.

A special reserve force of canvassers is to be mobilized at the loan headquarters at noon Sunday, which felt unhappy in her alliance with the will be prepared to rush men in automobiles to any team captain in any section of the city on a moment's notice. This is in order that each team may be provided with its full quota of workers.

W. P. Eno, director of the Home Defense League has issued a cell as the section of the leading men of view of the leading the section at Constantinople.

From the notife of view of the LONDON, October 4.—In the level-

## **EMBARKINGS NEAR 2 MILLION**

Influenza, However, Is Retarding Shipments From Affected Camps.

adopted the policy of not sending any



Mr. Lawrence Cites Armistice as Justification for Keeping Bulgars as Friends.

TURKS MAY DO LIKEWISE

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

President Wilson's foresight in steadfastly refusing to yield to pressure for a declaration of war on Bulgaria has been of distinct assistance to the cause of the entente, as events in the Balkans have proved, but the marine chasers destroyed two enemy wisdom of that forbearance may yet submarines yesterday during the bom-

Hungary it seemed logical to many ships anchored there, acc people that the break with the central

Each team captain was instructed to report at the loan headquarters, at 5 o'clock this aftermuch detailed information from the of the situation was that the Ameriinterior of Bulgaria, getting reports the American government to keep an avenue open for eventual breakdown of the central powers, prevented a break with Bulgaria and, of course, it would have been difficult to declare war on the latter without a similar

W. P. Eno, director of the Home Defense League, has issued a call to each of the eleven defense leagues in Washington to designate twenty specially equipped men to serve in the reserve force.

The local loan committee, with the (Continued on Twenty-third Page.)

College, the American institution at Constantinople. From the point of view of the United States it was eminently desirable to keep on good terms with Bulgaria, not merely because of the confident expectation that Bulgaria must some day break with Germany and Austria, but it was sound military policy, too. The entente didn't want to see Germany using Bulgarian troops on the western front, and the to see Germany using Bulgarian troops on the western front, and the Bulgarians were impressed with the argument that to send forces to France would mean inevitable class with American troops and a declara-tion of war, which would, of course, prevent the United States from ex-ercising her friendship for Bulgaria in subsequent events.

Not Party to Armistice.

The American government was not a party to the armistice drawn up between Bulgaria and the allies, but has taken a deep interest in it nevertheless and will be kept informed by the allies. The United States is not committed to any particular program in the Balkans, though, no doubt, Ameri-can sympathy for Serbia and Greece will come out as a satisfactory adwill come out as a satisfactory adjustment of the near-eastern situa-

American troops abroad now number 1,800,000, members of the House military committee were informed to-day at their weekly conference at the War Department.

Spanish influenza in camps and cantonments will retard shipment somewhat in the immediate future, they were told, the department having adopted the policy of not sending any adopted the policy of not sending any approximately special to declare war on Turkey is

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## **DURAZZO IS LEVELED**; FOE FLEES IN ALBANIA

in Naval Fight. AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS

Two Enemy Submarines

WIPED OUT IN PORT

(Copyright, 1918, by the New York Evening British, Italian and United States Fleets Co-Operate in Adriatic Action.

> ROME, October 4.-American subbardment of Durazzo, it was officially announced today.

American, British and Italian war-Clared a state of war with Austrianouncement made by Premier Orlando. powers should be made complete, but The attack occurred at noon on Wednesday, when Italian and British cruisers, protected by Italian and allied torpedo boats and American submarines, succeeded in making their way through mine fields and, avo:aing attacks by submarines, got into Durazzo harbor.

> Ships Also Destroyed. An intense bombardment followed until the base and the Austrian ships anchored there were completely de-

stroved. Italian sailors, in the teeth of a hot enemy, fire, torpedoed an Austrian destroyer and a steamer. Another vessel, which was recognised as a hospital ship, was allowed to withdraw. British and Italian airplanes coto deal with any enemy warships coming up to the assistance of the port. action toward Turkey.

The United States knew right along that there were differences between bulgaria and Turkey and knew, authoritatively, moreover, that Bulgaria pedo from an enemy submarine.

LONDON, October 4.-In the leveling of the fortifications and depots at Durazzo Wednesday the entente squadron, according to a central news dispatch from Rome, destroyed much

May Aid Macedonia Drive. Destruction by entente naval forces of the Austrian base at Durazzo was believed by observers here, to be closely linked up with the allied plans for their advance through

Macedonia.

Macedonia.

Concentration in the Adriatic of naval units sufficiently strong to undertake such an exploit. Navy men say, means a virtual barrage has been formed to push the Austrian submarine flotillas to the north, resubmarine flotillas to the north, re-lieving allied transports supplying the Balkan forces of much of the danger they have faced and clearing the Al-banian coast so as to permit the es-tablishment there of a new base for the landing of men and material. This would materially reduce the allied communication lines, which now run far to the south to Saloniki and Grecian ports.

## WILL THROW TURK INTO ASIA, SAYS D'ESPEREY

Soon to Direct Blow Against Constantinople, Déclares Allied

demonstration today.

## American Chasers Destroy; Austrian Forces Are Retiring Before Italians in Disorder.

BLOWING UP DEPOTS IN SWIFT RETREAT

Berat Occupied by Rome's Forces, Making Considerable Further

depots.

Italian Drive Energetic.

"We have occupied Berat and advanced beyond the town." Italian troops in Albania began an energetic advance on Tuesday in the ector between the Adriatic and Osum. operated in the work. Other Italian The Italian war oince announced today.

The Italian columns in the evening had occupied the village of Fieri and the line of the Semeni from Sterbasi to the Ketali bridge and several

heights.

The Austro-Hungarian forces are retreating rapidly and are burning their depots. The Italians have captured a number of prisoners and a large quantum of the control of the cont ity of war material.

# **COLLISION SINKS** U. S. CARGO SHIP

material for the Austrian army in Fifty of Crew of Ninety on Herman Frasch Probably Lost.

> The American steamer Herman Frasch, a cargo carrier manned by a hich have furnished the Huns with Navy crew and in the overseas supply fuel vitally needed in all their miliservice, has been sunk in collision at tary operations, as well as munition Frasch, a cargo carrier manned by a sea with a loss of probably fifty of her crew. The Herman Frasch collided with the American steamer George G. Henry. The Frasch sank in seven

Both vessels were in Army supply transport service. The Frasch was a ship of about 4,000 tons gross, carrying a crew of about ninety officers and men, and the Henry is a tanker. The collision occurred at men, and the Henry is a tanker.

The collision occurred at sea several hundred miles off the American coast, in latitude 41.96 north and longitude 64.38 west. First reports to the department gave few details.

The Henry had her bow crushed, but after standing by all night to pick up after standing her vovage. NEW YORK, October 4.—The American steamer Herman Frasch, reported sunk in a collision at sea, was owned by the Union Sulphur Company and formerly plied between this ported to the Company of the Company and Freeport, Tex. The tanker George G. Henry, with which she col-lided, is owned by the Petroleum Transport Company.

53 ARE MISSING FROM SUNKEN BRITISH GUNBOAT

LONDON, October 3.-Fifty-the are missing as a result of the sinking of a British torpedo gunboat in a collision with a merchant vessel September according to an official statement iss by the British admiralty tonight.

# GERMAN FLANKS BENT BACK UNDER SMASHING ASSAULTS OF FOCH'S DETERMINED ARMIES

Said to Plan Test of Liberal Control, Hoping in Its Failure.

Indications of coming political changes of importance within the central powers; continued military hammering upon their forces outside.

These are the outstanding high points of the situation overseas today. Germany and Austria-Hungary ar setting their houses in order for what the future may bring them, as the result of the persistently successful onrush of the allied troops and the growing unrest at home.

The military news of the day pro sents concrete facts, all making for victory for the allies. Accounts of political conditions are prophetic and ndicative of possible outcomes.

Official confirmation of the selection of Prince Maximilian of Baden as chancellor of Germany is regarded here as possessing possibilities of significance for the future. The Austrian chambe of deputies sat through a session lis tening to demands from socialists and Czech members for acquiescence in President Wilson's fourteen articles

See Liberal Ascendency. Prince Maximilian's selection chancellor is regarded as marking the possibility of ascendency of liberal thought in the kaiser's cabinet over the militaristic and junker domination that now prevails. It is looking far ahead, however, to now draw conclu-sions of practical value from his in-

Making Considerable Further

Advance.

Advance.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, October 4 (1:30 p.m.)—
Austro-Hungarian forces in Albania are retiring in considerable disorder before the advancing Italians. The Austrian forces are blowing up their depots.

Mara "Disgrated Press." Expectation of Groeber, centrist, as members of the cabinet without portfolio.

More "Disguised Peace" Expected.

ROME, October 3.—A semi-official statement on the Italian operations in Albania says: of the present war.
On the other hand, there is a possi

On the other hand, there is a possibility that the kaiser can read the handwriting on the wall and realizing his country is doomed to defeat, may plan outwardly to turn over the handling of the government to rephandling of the government to representatives of popular rule and permit them to try to save the country. If they fail, as he undoubtedly hopes they will, he can then point to their failure as an example of the uselessness of trying popular rule in Germany and demand the return to power of the military caste.

Expect Turkey to Capitulate. In diplomatic circles here the be lief still continues to prevail that Turkey will capitulate and leave the concert of central powers. When that happens, it is declared, it will be entirely in order to look for weakening of Austria-Hungary's alliance with Germany. Bulgaria's defection has caused profound depression in Ger-many that the sloughing off of an-other ally would be expected to be classed by the Germans as a disaster

classed by the Germans as a disaster of first importance.

This morning's dispatches from the western battle fronts told of continued smashing of the Hindenburg line of defense in the St. Quentin sector and the Lens sector. The work is slow for the obstacles are found to be more formidable the deeper the German lines are penetrated. But the progress is pronounced and irresistible. ation of Lens and Armentieres. This

plants within the empire. U. S. Miners to Operate Them.

Their ultimate capture by the allies has been counted upon confidently and as a feature of Marshal Foch's grand strategy. So assured have the allies been that they would come into possession of the coal fields that plans have been carried out to take them over and operate them with American miners. The latest appliances for fighting coal mine fires have even been paced in readiness for use, as it was taken for granted the Huns would attempt to destroy all they have not used and would set the mines ablaze before departing.

The possibility of King Albert of Belgium establishing his capital on Belgian soil before next spring is regarded as not beyond the bounds of reasonable expectation, based upon the forcing of the Huns out of north Belgium. The Huns were taken completely by surprise in the sudden onrush of the Belgian army in advance of the British and French support in that region of operations, and have not recovered their balance yet.

The Germans are now confronted by the necessity of bringing up an immense army to hold back the French, British and Belgian advance in the north, in order to leave open a way of possible retreat of their armies further south.

One of the probabilities of the military operations of the next few days is another heavy drive of the allies east of Rheims. The Germans are in a perilous situation there, and there are evidences that the allies are preparing to administer a blow. has been counted upon confidently and as a feature of Marshal Foch's

British Now Fighting Beyond Hindenburg Line Northeast of St. Quentin.

## HUNS FALL BACK ON LILLE; TOTTER IN THE CHAMPAGNE

Northeast of St. Quentin the British today are reported as fightng in the open country beyond the Hindenburg line, after having oushed ahead five miles since Monday. From Lens northward and from Rheims eastward to the Argonne the allies continue to bend back the German flanks in smashing attacks.

The breach driven through the German defenses south of Beaurevoir is on a front of five miles. To the north the British are plunging forward east-southeast from Le Catelet, while on the south the French are attacking successfully between Sequehart and Lasdins. The German resistance is bitter, but there has been no let-up in the strong allied pressure. In the fighting in this area Thursday Field Marshal Haig's men captured 4,000

With the British in the open country northeast of St. Quentin and the cavalry and tanks pouring through the breach the German positions about Cambrai and Laon will become most precarious. Through the opening in the line Marshal Foch would be able to throw troops to take both Cambrai and Laon in the rear.

West of Lille the British continue to press the Germans eastward while extending their line south of Lens to Mericourt, where a good advance also has been made. Between Lens and Armentieres the British have moved forward an average of more than three miles on a twenty-mile front and east of the Bois Grenier are within six miles of the outer walls of the fortress of Lille. Meanwhile the British and Belgians in Flanders are widening the salient east of Ypres, which threatens the German positions on the coast and the network of railroads west of Ghent.

Retirement Not Halted.

There are no indications that the Germans have halted their retirement in the Litle salient. The enemy is still several miles west of the Deule canal, which runs from north of Crievil and Deure Cortevil and Deure Crievil a Armentieres through Lille to the Orfeuil and Demont Chateau.

Orfeuil and Demont Chateau.

Work Way Across Aisne Compare of the German system be-

Work Way Across Aisne Canal.

# ROME, October 4.—After the capture of Berat by the Italians, cavalry joined in the pursuit of the retreating Austrians, and has made a considerable advance, according to an official note issued today. Berat Taken by Allies. VIENNA, via London, October 3.—Austrian troops have been withdrawn from Albania, the war office announces. Berat has been taken by the Allies. Italian Drive Energetic. More "Disguised Rece" Extends for the German system before Lille. It is not probable the disguised under a most attractive and statractive for Lille. It is not probable the Germans will give up Lille without heavy fighting. Around Rheims and east of the Suippe Gens. Berthelet and Gouraud are drawing closer the sides of the armies of Berthelet and Gouraud. How Work Way Across Aisne Canal. North of Rheims the French are for Lille. It is not probable the form Lille. It is not prob

LONDON, October 4.—The point of the British wedge in the region north of St. Quentin had been pushed at the end of yesterday's fighting to the high of St. Quentin had been pushed at the end of yesterday's fighting to the high ground a mile northeast of Sequehart.

puentin. Field Marshal Haig an-ounced today that the enemy assaults ad been beaten off.

end of yesterday's fighting to the high ground a mile northeast of Sequehart. The British are holding this ground, having repulsed a counter attack.

More than 4,000 prisoners were taken yesterday by the British in their taken yesterday by the British in their leads to be a sequence of porth of St. Quentin. operations north of St. Quentin.

German forces last night delivered counter attacks on Gouy and Le Catelet, midway between Cambrai and St.

In the St. Quentin sector, was completely successful, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters tonight.

British troops have reached the outskirts of Montbrehain (about five

## British Well East of Lens; Foe's Flanders Retreat Deep

Lens region have reached the railway east of Lens, Field Marshal Haig announced in his official statement today. To the southeast the British have made progress between Oppy and Meericourt.

Foe Falls Back Three Miles. LONDON, October 3.-The Germans have fallen back three miles in their retreat aiong the Lens-Armentieres line, it is reported this afternoon.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, October 3 (by the Associated Press).—Local attacks in the neighborhood of Roulers by the Belgians resulted in the gain of some ground. The British crossed the Lys and at last reports were still going strong.

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The British captured Gheluwe late yesterday, after the Germans had held out there for several days. Soon afterward the enemy faunched a vicious counter attack against the Menin road in this locality, and as a result seemed to have established machine gun posts in the eastern outskirts of the village.

Positions of Great Importance.

The positions in this locality are of the most strategical importance to the Germans and their men are being thrown in in an effort to hold on without regard to the cost, which has victories to thirty-three.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, October 4.—British forces see canal line has been occupied in its entirety. Douvrin has been taken and the British have advanced east of and the British have advanced east of the Boise Dixhuit.

Along the line between Freanes and Lens strong patrols have been pushed out everywhere. They have met with determined resistance. The lines have been pushed forward north of Lens, however, despite strong opposition, and the British have established themselves in advanced positions, at the same time taking between 100 and 150 prisoners in this sector. sector.

There has been heavy fighting at Benifontaine, east of Hulluch.

Fires and explosions again are being reported from various sections of the battle front.

This morning La Bassee was being cleared of the enemy while to the

cleared of the enemy, while to the north the British were in Lorgies and across the Aubers-La Bassee line along its entire length. Belgian Car in Boulers. HAVRE, October 3 .- A Belgian armored car has succeeded in entering Roulers and has returned safely to its own lines, according to the Belgian official communication tonight.

French Forces Are Extending Gains All Along the Front

PARIS, October 4.-French troops troops captured 2,800 prisoners today, in the St. Quentin region have ad- the war office announces tonight. vanced east of Leedine, says the war They made an important advance to office statement today.

tions in the region of Botheny.

PARIS, October 3 .- The French the northwest of Somme-Py, in the office statement today.

American and French troops in Champagne have made further advances northwest of Blanc Mont and Medeah farm.

North and northwest of Rheims the French have increased their gains somewhat and improved their positions in the Champagne have captured Original and Remont Chateau, northeast of Somme-Py. Mont Blanc, a position of tactical importance, also has been taken from the Germans.

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